

## Greetings

### **New Bushwalking Websites: Provision of free downloadable maps**

Confederation has become aware of new websites relating to bushwalking. These websites provide free downloadable maps. Keith Maxwell, BWRS President, advises that caution should be exercised in using these maps and cited the 2007 death of a walker whose only map was found to be a sketch map. These type of maps do not provide the precise information as is contained in published copies of topographic maps.

### **BWRS: Remote Area First Aid Course**

will be held over two weekends: 2 & 3 May and 16 & 17 May

### **BWRS: St John Ambulance Senior First Aid Course**

will be held: 23 & 24 May

See BWRS website for online registration: [www.bwrs.org.au](http://www.bwrs.org.au)

### **Bushwalking Australia Inc. - Election of New Insurance Officer**

Victorian bushwalker David Gordon has been elected BAI's new Insurance Officer. He works for a national insurance company.

### **Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA): <http://www.amsa.gov.au/>**

Switch to digital 406 MHz prior to 1st February 2009 when the analogue 121.5 MHz beacons will no longer be detected. Your new 406 MHz PLB or other distress beacon must be registered with the AMSA otherwise your beacon is anonymous.

Registration is FREE. Disposal of old beacons: <http://beacons.amsa.gov.au/index.asp>

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